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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH APRIL 8 ON LOS

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1. LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER MAKING
POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WAS HAND-DELIVERED BY POL
COUNSELOR TO MWASHUMBE, MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ON APRIL 12. TEXT OF SECRETARY'S
SPEECH WAS APPENDED. AMBASSADOR URGED GOK TO ACCEPT
HIGH SEAS STATUS FOR 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, PER SPECIAL
GUIDANCE IN REFTEL FOR NAIROBI.

2. IN RECEIVING LETTER, MWASHUMBE ASKED HOW MANY
COUNTRIES ACCEPTED HIGH SEAS PRINCIPLE FOR ECONOMIC
ZONE, POL COUNSELOR POINTED TO SECRETARY'S REFERENCE
TO WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON MAXIMUM BREADTH OF TERRI-
TORIAL SEA OF 12 MILES. MWASHUMBE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FAVORED FULL SOVEREIGNTY
OVER 200-MILE ZONE. POL COUNSELOR SAID U.S. POSITION
TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF COASTAL STATES,
AND WE EXPECTED IN TURN THAT OUR ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED.
MWASHUMBE PROMISED THAT U.S. VIEWS WOULD RECEIVE
CAREFUL GOK CONSIDERATION.
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